

NOTE TO: Chief, ASG	25X1
FROM : Deputy Director for Intelligence	
SUBJECT: DI Planning for Information Collection Process	
1. I appreciated your memorandum of 20 February on organizational and staffing issues associated with our long range information collection and processing planning.	25 X 1
2. As I indicated on the telephone, I have decided to keep the long range planning and development team as an independent unit reporting to the Directorate level Steering Group. I would like for you to chair the Steering Group.	25X1
3. These decisions take into account the very real question whether the planning group should be a permanent organization or be dissolved once its primary task has been completed with ASG assuming responsibility for implementation. By the same token your Chairmanship and the Directorate level Steering Group will ensure that the planning group is in close touch with user needs and priorities and that its recommendations are practical.	25X1
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